Pre-Petition Credit Counseling Certificate

- ******These instructions do not cover the filing of Debtor's Certification of Completion of Instructional Course Concerning Personal Financial Management (Official Form B23). Refer to separate instructions so titled.
- ******The Pre-Petition Credit Counseling Certificate provided by credit counseling agencies may or may not include a bankruptcy caption, and does not require one to be filed on the court's docket.
- ******The Pre-Petition Credit Counseling Certificate does not require a cover sheet, cover letter or any other documentation to be included in the PDF to be filed on the court's docket.
- ******The Pre-Petition Credit Counseling Certificate must not be made part of any other filing -- including the Voluntary Petition or the Certification of Completion of Personal Financial Management Course -- and must be filed separately using the instructions below.
 - STEP 1 Click the <u>Bankruptcy</u> hyperlink on the CM/ECF Main Menu. (See Figure 1)



STEP 2 The BANKRUPTCY EVENTS screen displays. (See Figure 2)



Figure 2

- Click the <u>Other</u> hyperlink.
- STEP 3 Enter the case number in YY-NNNNN format in the CASE NUMBER screen and click [Next]. (See Figure 3)



Figure 3





Figure 4

Scroll the box and select Certificate of Credit Counseling.

NOTE: To locate your event quickly, type the first letter of the entry (*C* for Certificate) and the highlight bar will immediately select the first event beginning with C.

Click NEXT.

STEP 5 The attorney **JOINT FILING** screen will then be displayed. (See Figure 5)



Figure 5

- ◆ This screen is used only if another attorney is joining in a filing. If you are the only attorney filing this document, skip this screen.
- If this is a joint attorney filing and the box is checked, a listing of attorneys presently on the case will be presented for selection.
- ◆ Click **NEXT**.

The **PARTY SELECTION** screen will be presented listing all the participants presently on this case. (See Figure 6)



Figure 6

- Locate and select the debtor(s) in the Party Selection window. Click NEXT to continue.
- The PDF DOCUMENT SELECTION screen displays. (See Figure 7a)



Figure 7a

- Click Browse, then navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located.
 - To make certain you are about to associate the correct PDF file for this entry, right click on the filename with your mouse and select Open. (See Figure 7b)

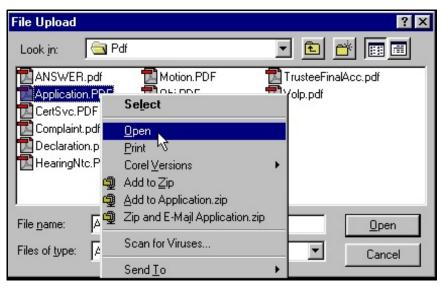


Figure 7b

- This will launch the Adobe Acrobat Reader which will display the contents of the imaged document. Verify that the document is correct.
- Close or minimize the Adobe application and if that is the correct file, click Open on the FILE UPLOAD dialogue box. (See Figure 7c)

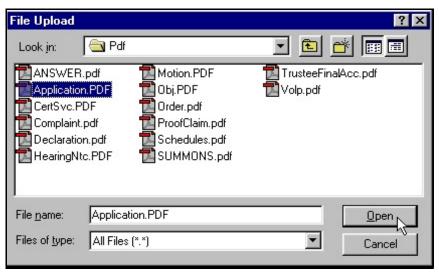


Figure 7c

Click NEXT.

The Certificate of Service screen will display with a text box to indicate whether the certificate is being filed with or without certificate of service. (See Figure 8)



Figure 8

- Insert the appropriate response ("With" or "Without") and click
 NEXT to continue.
- STEP 9 The Modify Text screen will display. (See Figure 9)

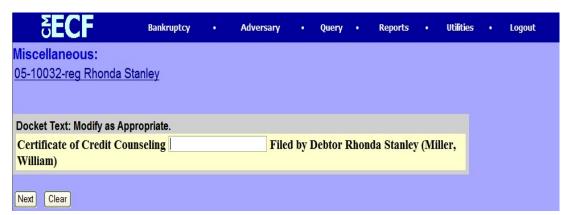


Figure 9

 An empty text box is presented for use if additional wording is necessary. The filing of the certificate of credit counseling does not require additional text for entering on the court's docket. Click NEXT to continue. STEP 10 The Final Docket Text screen will appear. (See Figure 10)

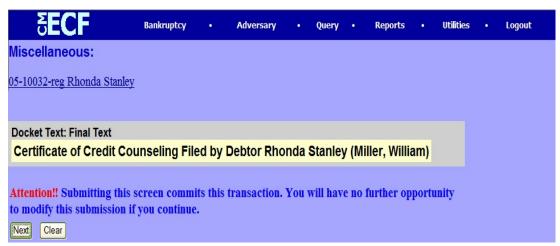


Figure 10

- Verify the final docket text. Read the warning message and proceed.
- ◆ If correct, click NEXT.
- If the final docket text is incorrect:
 - Click the browser **Back** button to find the errors(s) and proceed with the event.
 - To abort or restart the transaction (at any time), click the Bankruptcy hyperlink on the Menu Bar.

STEP 11 The Notice of Electronic Filing screen displays. (See Figure 11)



Figure 11